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SUBJ: UNCTAD-COMMITTEE ON PREFERENCES-FINAL REPORT

REF: GENEVA 0083, GENEVA 0091, GENEVA 0134, GENEVA 0221, GENEVA  
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SUMMARY. SEVENTH SESSION OF COMMITTEE CONCLUDED  
JAN 16 WITH ADOPTION OF ONLY ONE RESOLUTION, AMENDED  
VERSION OF GROUP 77 DRAFT ON TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE  
REPORTED GENEVA 0222. (FINAL TEXT BEIN TRANSMITTED SEPTTEL).  
IN CONTACT GROUP MEETING JAN 15,  
GROUP 77 DECIDED ANNEX TO REPORT OF MEETING THE DRAFT  
RESOLUTION OSTENSIBLY ON ALL DONOR SCHEMES BUT DIRECTED  
AT US SCHEME (GENEVA 0134). GROUP 77 ALSO MADE STATEMENT  
IN FINAL PLENARY DIRECTLY CRITICISING US SCHEME  
TO WHICH US DEL MADE BRIEF RESPONSE REITERATING POSITIONS  
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TAKEN EARLIER IN PLENARY.

2. GROUP 77 UNABLE TO AGREE ON GROUP B COUNTERPROPOSAL DRAFT RESOLUTION ON MSA'S LANDLOCKED LEAST DEVELOPED AND ISLAND COUNTRIES. OTHER PLENARY DISCUSSION LARGELY UNEVENTFUL. NEXT MEETING COMMITTEE TENTATIVELY PLANNED FOR APRIL 1977. END SUMMARY

3. GROUP B POSITION ON RESOLUTION ON US SCHEME REPORTED GENEVA 0221 WAS MAINTAINED WITH SOLIDARITY IN GROUP B AND CONTACT GROUP MEETINGS. AS RESULT, GROUP 77 ACQUIESCED IN SUGGESTION EEC AND OTHER GROUP B DELS THAT THEIR VIEWS WOULD BE BETTER MADE KNOWN IN SOME FORM OTHER THAN A RESOLUTION. TEXT REVISED RESOLUTION (GENEV 0134) BEING APPENDED TO FINAL REPORT. DECLARATION BY GROUP 77 IN FINAL PLENARY WAS ADDRESSED DIRECTLY TO US SCHEME AND PARAPHRASES TEXT DRAFT RESOLUTION.

4. (USDEL BRUNGART) DENIED THAT U.S. SCHEME IS INSTRUMENT OF COERCION. HE FURTHER NOTED THAT STATEMENTS IMPUGNING MOTIVES ARE COUNTERPRODUCTIVE AND ONLY MAKE MORE DIFFICULT THE ADAPTATION OF SCHEMES OVER TIME.

5. IN ADDITION TO DISCUSSION REPORTED GENEVA 0083, ONLY OTHER PLENARY DISCUSSION OF NOTE DURING REMAINDER OF SESSION THROUGH JAN 15 CONCERNED RULES OF ORIGIN AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE.

6. REGARDING RULES OF ORIGIN, NEW ZEALAND FIRST GROUP B COUNTRY TO ANNOUNCE ADOPTION OF TOTAL CUMULATIVE ORIGIN CONCEPT (I.E., ALL BENEFICIARIES WILL BE TREATED AS ONE GROUP FOR PURPOSES OF ORIGIN REQUIREMENTS.) CHAIRMAN OECD WORKING GROUP ON RULES OF ORIGIN (GABRIELSON) INFORMED COMMITTEE THAT WORK ON COMPENDIUM EXPECTED TO BE COMPLETED SPRING 1976. REPRESENTATIVES OF LDCS CALLED FOR ANOTHER MEETING OF UNTAD GROUP RULES OF ORIGIN. (PRIVATE CONVERSATION WITH SECRETARIAT OFFICER REVEALED THAT BUSY UNCTAD SCHEDULE WOULD RESULT IN SUCH MEETING BEING LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HELD END OF 1976 OR EARLY 1977). PAKISTANI INDICATED THAT WORKING GROUP WOULD BE PRESENTED WITH SHOPPING LIST OF LIBERALIZATIONS, ESPECIALLY USE OF CUMULATIVE TREATMENT AND THE COUNTING OF ALL PROCESSES EXCEPT SIMPLE ASSEMBLY TOWARD VALUE-ADDED REQUIREMENT.

7. DISCUSSION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE REFLECTED GENERAL APPRECIATION OF UNCTAD/UNDP PROJECT. INDIVIDUAL

DONOR COUNTRIES COUTLINED SPECIFIC MEASURES TAKEN.  
CONTRACT GROUP REACHED AGREEMENT ON AMENDED TEXT  
RESOLUTION REPORTED GENEVA 0091 RECOMMENDING CONTINUATION OF  
UNCTAD/UNDP PROJECT. FINAL TEXT BEING SENT SEPTEL.

8. PROVISIONAL AGENDA FOR EIGHTH MEETING APPROVED  
SUBJECT TO POSSIBLE REVISION AFTER UNCTAD IV. AGENDA  
IDENTICAL TO THAT OF CURRENT SESSION MINUS ITEM 3 ON  
STATUS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF SCHEMES. MEETING WILL  
PROBABLY BE HELD APRIL 1977 SUBJECT TO APPROVAL BY  
TDB. GROUP B ASKED THAT MEETING BE LIMITED TO ONE WEEK BUT  
QUESTION LEFT OPEN.

9. DURING MEETING, VARIOUS REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION  
RECEIVED FROM SECRETARIAT, INCLUDING FORMAL LETTER FROM  
KRISHNAMURTI, DIRECTOR, UNCTAD MANUFACTURES DIVISION,  
REQUESTING US 1974 IMPORT DATA. COPY BEING HAND-CARRIED  
TO WASHINGTON BY U.S. DELEGATION. OTHER REQUESTS  
CONCERNED CLARIFICATION OF SCHEDULE C TERRITORY DEFINITIONS  
AND WHETHER UNCTAD/UNDP MISSION VISITING PAKISTAN  
AND SINGAPORE 16-27 FEB CAN BE INFORMED OF  
MAR 1 COMPETITIVE NEED CHANGES AFFECTING THESE  
COUNTRIES.

10. GROUP B REVISION OF GROUP 77 RESOLUTION CALLING  
FOR EMERGENCY MEASURES FOR MSA'S, LANDLOCKED, LEAST  
DEVELOPED AND ISLAND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES (GENEVA 288)  
WAS PRESENTED TO CONTACT GROUP AT END MORNING SESSION  
JAN 16. AT RESUMPTION OF MEETING IN AFTERNOON,  
GROUP 77 STATED THEY UNABLE REACH AGREEMENT ON GROUP B  
REVISION BUT APPRECIATED CONSIDERABLE EFFORT MADE BY  
GROUP B WHICH HAD BROUGHT POSITIONS BOTH SIDES  
SIGNIFICANTLY CLOSER TOGEHTER. THERE WAS NO SUBSTANTIVE  
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DISCUSSION IN CONTACT GROUP, NOR DID GROUP OF 77 EVEN  
ASK THAT THEIR DRAFT BE APPENDED TO REPORT. HOPEFULLY  
THIS ENDS MATTER. BRUNGART

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